

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5 and 10-12 remain pending in the present application. Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 12 is new. Basis for the amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings originally filed.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1,3, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Andrew (U.S. Pat. No. 3,547,369). Claims 1, 3, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Melton, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,408,124). Claims 1, 3, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Herbenar (U.S. Pat. No. 2,846,251).

Claim 1 has been amended to define a cup-shaped outer member that defines an outer wall, a closed end and a fully open end. The outer wall is disposed opposite to the outer surface of the inner member and the closed end is disposed opposite to the end surface of the outer member.

Andrew discloses an outer member that has an outer wall 54, a partially closed end with aperture 25 and a fully closed end 24.

Melton, et al. discloses an outer member that has an outer wall 14, a partially closed end 38 and a fully closed end 36.

Herbenar discloses an outer member that has an outer wall 20, a partially closed end 22 and a fully closed end 24.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 1, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 3, 10 and 11, which ultimately depend from Claim 1, are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 3-5, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wallace, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 3,369,802 (Wallace)) in view of White (U.S. Pat. No. 3,218,383). The above discussion regarding amended Claim 1 applies here also.

Wallace discloses an outer member that has an outer wall 12, a partially closed end with aperture 16 and a fully closed end (the bottom in Fig. 1).

White discloses an outer member that has an outer wall 26, 28, a partially closed end with aperture 34 and a second partially closed end with aperture 40 once nozzle 42 is removed.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 1, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 3-5, 10 and 11 are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record.

NEW CLAIM

New Claim 12 is a dependent claim which adds the limitation of a low friction member to Claim 1. The low friction member was deleted from Claim 1 in this amendment. Applicants believe Claim 12 reads on the elected species.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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